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BRITTLE CRACK PROPAGATION AND WELDING METHOD  
THEREFOR

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST  
WITH STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)**

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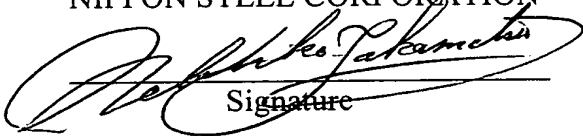
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**Authorization**

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee Nippon Steel Corporation to sign this Power of Attorney and to sign this Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b).

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